



The Florida House of Representatives

Office of the Speaker

Dean Cannon
Speaker

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Florida House of Representatives

FROM: Dean Cannon, Speaker

DATE: March 9, 2011

RE: Floor Process

To better prepare Members for the Floor, I have authorized three measures which significantly differ from past House practices.

First, on the morning of each day that the House is scheduled to convene, Rules & Calendar Chairman Gary Aubuchon will send an e-mail to all Members outlining the day's anticipated Floor activities. On most days, the House will follow the order of business prescribed in House Rule 10.2. Chairman Aubuchon's e-mail will highlight any planned deviations from that order of business and identify any process changes or events for the Floor.

Second, prior to the House convening, the Speaker's Office will e-mail Members a chart of the timely filed Floor amendments for bills on Special Order or Third Reading. This chart, prepared by our substantive staff, will contain brief descriptions of the amendments. Given the time constraints associated with the amendment filing deadlines, these descriptions will be high-level summaries intended to alert you to the most salient issues raised by the amendments. You should not use these descriptions as a substitute for reading the actual amendments. If you prefer a hard copy to an electronic copy, you may have your legislative assistant print the chart and bring it to the Chamber with your laptop.

Finally, please be advised that, absent unusual circumstances, I will not support the introduction of late-filed amendments on the Floor. The amendment filing deadlines exist to ensure that Members and the public have an adequate opportunity to review the content of amendments prior to a vote.

The goal of these changes is to provide greater clarity to our process for all Members and enhance our ability to conduct our business in an orderly fashion.